

St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

Rev. John M. Ryan, Pastor

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Anyone of you who does not renounce all your possessions cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM & 6 PM Mass

DAILY MASSES & DEVOTION

8:00 AM - Chapel: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:15 PM, Sunday: 8:45-9:15 AM
or by appointment

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil: 7:00 PM, Holy Day: 9:00 AM

BAPTISM

All first time parents and godparents must attend a Baptism seminar prior to the birth of their child. Only Confirmed practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church may be godparents. Please call the parish to make arrangements for the Baptism. Baptisms are by appointment.

WEDDINGS

Before making any arrangements, please contact the parish priest at least six (6) months before the proposed wedding date to begin the required preparation process.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please notify Fr. Ryan when a family member is ill at home or in the hospital.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Fr. Ryan should be notified as soon as possible when someone in the family passes away, preferably before contacting the funeral home.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time "C"

Journey Song Book: Pg. 1016
Missalette: Pg. 32
Communion Chant: Pg. 91

Sanctuary Lamp September 9th - 15th, 2019

For the repose of the souls of:

Church: Murphy Comardelle, Sr.

Chapel: George J. Landeche

Church Care: September

Peggy Frickey & Caroline Cornwell



Church Support

August 31st & September 1st - \$ 2,320.60
Mission Appeal - \$ 685.00

Thank you for supporting your church!



Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, September 9th
No morning mass

Tuesday, September 10th
8:00 AM: For all souls in purgatory

Wednesday, September 11th
8:00 AM: For all deceased priests and deacons of St. Gertrude Church

Thursday, September 12th
8:00 AM: For all aborted babies

Friday, September 13th
8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr.

Saturday, September 14th
4:30 PM: George Landeche, Philip Landeche, Sr., Alvin & Cleo Landeche, Justilien Cortez, Sr. & Gloria Cortez, Lawrence, Betty & Irene Loupe, Randolph Naquin, Sr., Wilson Cantrelle Family, Caliste Naquin Family, Tonya Lee Roy, Cyrile & Albertine Aucoin, Dewey & Alverta Matherne, Chad & Sue Champagne

Sunday, September 15th
9:30 AM: Ruth Hoffman, Paul Candies, Sr., Iris, Joseph & Trent Lunk, Charles "Chuck" Favrot, Jr., Rosemary & Lloyd Zeringue, Eunice & Stanley Champagne, Sheila, Amy & Tabitha Zeringue, Drew Frickey, Norman Rome

6:00 PM: All deceased family members of our Religious Education Program

Parish Confessions

Confessions will be available in **ALL** Catholic Churches throughout the New Orleans Diocese this Wednesday, **September 11th, from 5 to 6:30 PM.**

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals who are facing illness or life challenges.



Edward Acunzo, Melissa Adams, Susie Adams, Brooklyn Ainsworth, Donald Arnold, Charlie Augustine, Nathan Aupied, Karen Alexander Bass, Euclid Boudreaux, Stephanie Branson, Alan Brunet, Rory Carlos, Kent Chauvin, Darren Christen, Dee Cortez, Marc Denham, Albert Dufrene, Jr., Clarabell Dufrene, Janet Dufrene, Opal Dufrene, Erica Easley, Caleb Entuinez, Keith Fambrough, Eric Folse, Jeannie Fonseca, Ronnie Gauthreaux, Erin Granier, Zack Gras, Ricky Gravois, Frances "Tee" Gros, Azalie Guillot, Susette Higgins, Raymond Hood, Adrian Hotard, Joel Leger, Joan Lester, Jake Lemmon, Rosalind Lewis, Theresa Lewis, Barbara Loggins, Monica Loveless, Timmy Maloz, Dwain McCain, Cole Martin, Lilly Murdock, Kaylene Murphy, Kerean Naquin, Laurie Nettles, Mike O' Daniels, Jeff Penton, Christina Perilloux, Bobbie Picou, Rhylee Pizani, Bert Plaisance, Martha Plaisance, Michael Plaisance, Aaron Robichaux, Donald Rome, Ronnette Rome, Nicholas Rose, Kathy R. Savoie, Brenda Schmill Savoie, Jack Smith, Jean Sliwinski, Ron Stanley, Randy Thibodeaux, Kelly Troclair, Gale Touchard, Adler "PeeWee" Tregle, Jr., Nicole Veillon, Lynelle Whipple, Donnie White, Charles "Buck" Whittington, Timmy Zeringue

Names will remain on the prayer list for 3 months.

Please call the rectory to add or update your family member's names.

We welcome all visitors & newcomers to St. Gertrude Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Registration forms can be found in the main entrance of the Church or emailed to you at your request.



Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday - 4:30 PM September 14th	Sunday - 9:30 AM September 15th	Sunday - 6:00 PM September 15th
Lector	Aurora Romero	Denise Matherne	Angelina Sander
Eucharistic Ministers	Sherry Folse Christine Soto-Dufrene Justy Cortez	Tommy Mahan Berdie Mahan Randy Matherne	Jamie Hue Brett Hue Volunteer
Hospitality	Christopher Pickett Volunteer	Tyler Matherne Volunteer	Volunteers

**Sunday, September 8th
Weekly Bingo**



Join us for our weekly Bingo this Sunday, September 8th, at 2 PM. We have variety of food items and home baked goods to choose from. If you can't join us for bingo, consider stopping by and picking up lunch! Thank you for supporting St. Gertrude Church. Doors open at 1 PM.

**Saturday & Sunday, September 14th & 15th
Second Collection - Catholic Communications**

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Your contributions connect people in the United States and around the world to the merciful love of Christ. And half of your donation stays in your diocese to support local communications projects. Thank you for your contributions.

**Wednesday, September 18th
Second Harvest**



St. John's Ministry of Care will distribute food for the needy at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Paradis on Wednesday, September 18th, from 8 AM to 12 PM.

**Thursday, September 19th
Senior Luncheon & Bingo**



St. John's monthly Senior Luncheon & Bingo will be held on Thursday, September 19th. Doors open at 11 AM. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church for any senior interested in attending.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states:

"Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



Bulletin Deadline:

Information to be placed in the Parish weekly bulletin must be received in writing in the Rectory no later than 2 PM, Thursday of the prior week.

Visit our website at: <http://stgertrudedesallemands.org>

Find us on Facebook at: [stgertrudethegreatda](https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudethegreatda)



**2019-2020
Religious Education Registration**

Sun. Sept. 8th, Grades 6-11, 7-8:15 PM
Mon. Sept. 9th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM
Wed. Sept. 11th, Parish Confessions (Church) 5-6:30 PM
Sun. Sept. 15th, Grades 6-11, 7-8:15 PM
Mon. Sept. 16th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM
Sun. Sept. 22nd, Grades 6-11, 7-8:15 PM
Mon. Sept. 23rd, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM
Sun. Sept. 29th, Grades 6-11, 7-8:15 PM
Mon. Sept. 30th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Although God gives us remarkable gifts and talents, our influence on others is incomplete, transitory. Our limitations frustrate us, particularly when we can do nothing to change a painful or harmful situation in our lives or the lives of our loved ones. Few experiences are as bitter as the helplessness we feel in the face of misery. Mysteriously, this same helplessness is a gift. For many of us, we must become helpless before we truly understand where our help lies: in our loving God. We face innocent suffering, humiliation, disaster, and death, remembering that Jesus chose these tragedies for himself. Jesus suffers with us. Jesus invites—but never forces—us to ask him to enter our broken hearts and messy lives. We are neither capable of nor responsible for saving the world, but Jesus can redeem everything we offer him.

LET FREEDOM RING

We may balk at our helplessness, but remarkably, Jesus placed limitations even on himself. As people filed past Jesus hanging on his cross, they mocked him: "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, [and] come down from the cross!" (Matthew 27:40). Jesus could have glorified himself and forced his ridiculers to accept him as the Messiah, but God does not compel our belief or our love. Saint Paul echoes this as he writes to Philemon, "I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary." In Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamozov*, a character actually yells at Jesus for respecting our freedom. He claims human beings would be better off if Jesus used his power to control us, compelling us to believe in God and to care for each other. But God prefers to respect our freedom. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to renounce what we have and rely totally on him. It's our choice.



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